

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS**  
**7500 Odawa Circle**  
**Harbor Springs, MI 49740**

**CERTIFIED MOTION #021614-03**

Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Fire Management Funds  
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Department  
Fire Management/Fuel Reduction Funds Project

**WHEREAS:** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians ("LTBB" or "Tribe") is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;

**WHEREAS:** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS:** the Tribe has established a Natural Resources Department (NRD) and a Natural Resources Commission (NRC) whose purpose is to provide oversight and regulation of utilization of natural resources within the LTBB's jurisdiction and to provide community input in development and fulfillment of project objectives at regularly scheduled meetings of the Natural Resource Commission;

**WHEREAS:** the Natural Resource Department mission statement is to "*wisely utilize our natural resources in order to promote, honor and respect our traditional, spiritual and physical relationship with the land and waters. We will implement management strategies that protect our resources on, above, below and within the land and waters for the future benefit of our Tribe;*"

**WHEREAS:** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Department has developed a Strategic Plan that provides direction and guidance for the Department and is updated annually;

**WHEREAS:** the Strategic Plan, NRD Inland Fish and Wildlife 2009 Report Goal V is to monitor, assess, develop and implement strategies for managing and/or eradicating Invasive Species;





**WHEREAS:** the Bureau of Indian Affairs has notified LTBB of funds available to assist the tribe in conducting fire management activities, including fuel reduction and fire suppression.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this request for funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fire Management Program for an LTBB Fire Management/Fuel Reduction Funds Project.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the LTBB Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, Tribal Administrator, or another designee from the Tribal Chair is authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply for, receive, and administer funds under the grant.

### CERTIFICATION

Received by the Executive Office on 2/3/14 by [Signature]

The Executive concurs and recommend this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 2/3/14 [Signature]  
Executive, Tribal Chair/Vice Chair

Received by the Legislative Office on 2/3/14 by [Signature]

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Certified Motion was duly approved by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held February 16, 2014 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 2 absent as recorded by this certification as an official action on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Date: 2-16-14 [Signature]  
Regina Gasco Bentley, Legislative Leader

Date: 2-16-14 [Signature]  
Julie Shananaquet, Secretary